

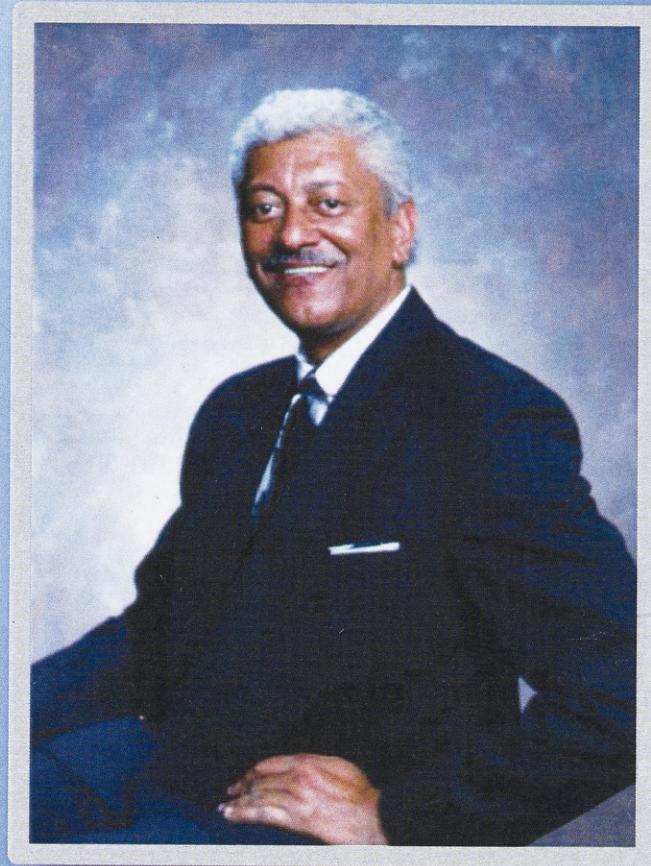
IN LOVING MEMORY OF DONALD RAY DEMER

Sunrise

November 27, 1947

Sunset

June 24, 2011



Service Held

Wednesday, July 6, 2011 – 11:00 A.M.

**Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church
684 Juliga Woods Street, Richmond, CA**

Reverend Dr. J.B. Jones ~ Officiating



Donald Ray Demer

November 27, 1947 ~ June 24, 2011

Donald Ray Demer was born on November 27, 1947 to John and Carrie Demer in Richmond, CA. He departed this life on June 24, 2011 at John Muir Hospital in Walnut Creek, CA. He was a younger brother to Frieda M. Demer of Richmond, CA and the big brother to Ronnie Lee Demer, of Santa Clara, CA. Donald grew up in Richmond California and was the long time resident of Oakland, CA. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister. He is survived by his "little brother" Ronnie.

In 1969, Donald was wed in holy matrimony to Gwen Creer. This union brought the blessings of two beautiful children, daughter Arlette M. Demer and son Donald R. Demer II, both of Vallejo, CA. His children blessed him with three granddaughters: Arlette's daughters, Britney Oliver and Shairee Skinner and Donald II's daughter, Kendall Demer.

Donald graduated from Richmond High School in 1965 and continued his education graduating from Hayward State University in 1971. He loved to play basketball and was often found playing volleyball at Lake Merritt. He was also well known as an excellent domino player and would usually beat anyone who dared to sit down and play him. He also loved his Oakland Raiders football team and attended many games. He was most recently a 19 year long employee in the administrative offices of BART. Before BART, he was a long time employee of the City of Oakland's City Hall.

Donald was known as a loving father, grandfather, son, brother, and godfather to Marcellus A. Demer of Richmond CA. He was the patriarch of the Demer family. There are now only three male Demers living. He had many, many friends and was well known around the bay area.

Loved ones left behind to cherish his memory are: daughter Arlette; son Donald II; granddaughters Britney, Shairee, and Kendall; brother Ronnie; nephew Kenneth John Robinson; niece Deirdre Tolbert; nephew Steven Smith; nephew and godson Marcellus; and a large host of cousins and many friends.

Order of Service

Reverend Dr. J.B. Jones, Officiating

Piano Prelude.....	Donnell Dowell Jr.
Processional.....	Family
Welcome and Invocation.....	Reverend Dr. J.B. Jones
Scripture	
Old & New Testament.....	Reverend Dr. David Bernstine
Prayer.....	Bishop Earnest Pontiflet
Solo (Encourage Yourself).....	Lolita Lea Sweet
Acknowledgements.....	Maria Creer
Special Presentation.....	Bishop Earnest Pontiflet
Expressions..... 2 Minutes Maximum Please.....	Family & Friends
Silent Reading of Obituary	
Solo (Amazing Grace)	Jimmy Stuart
Words of Comfort.....	Reverend Dr. J.B. Jones
Parting Views.....	Fuller Funeral Home
Recessional	

Interment

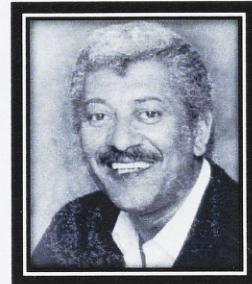
Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, California

Repast

Hilltop Green Recreational Center
1095 Parkside Drive
El Sobrante, CA 94803

To Those Whom I Love and Those Who Love Me

Release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy that we had so many years.

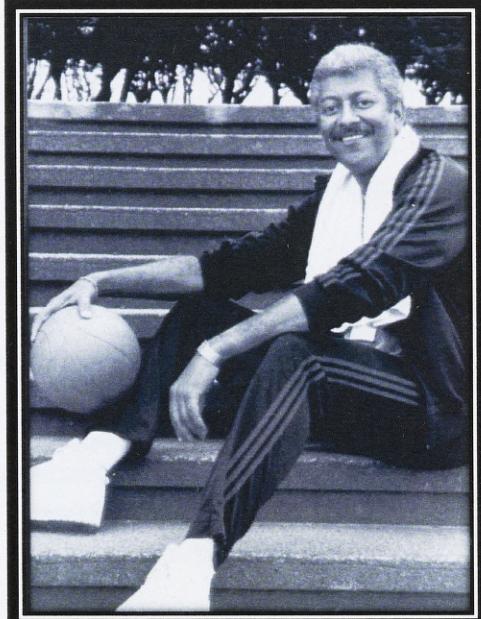
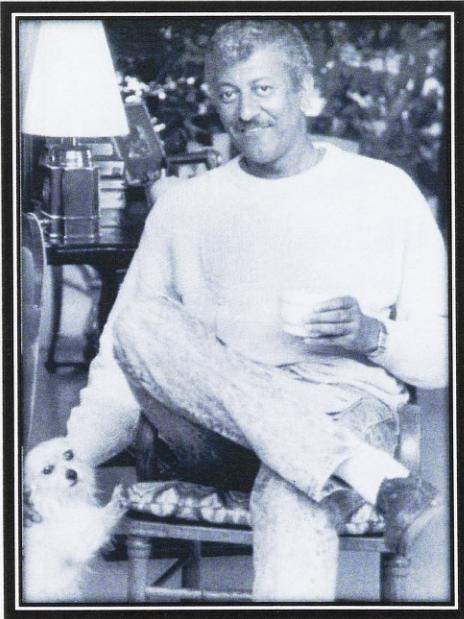


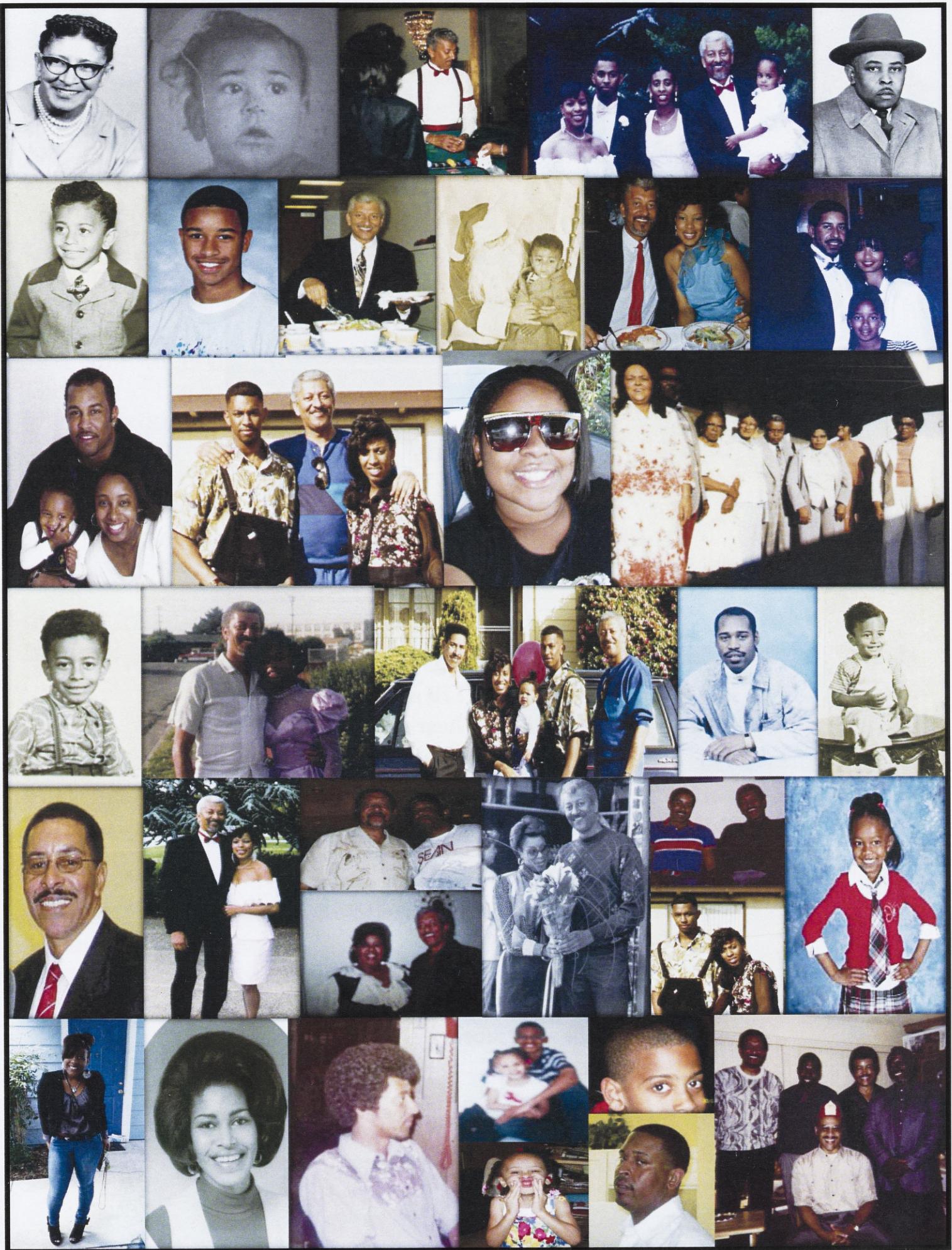
I gave you my love and you can only guess,
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for awhile that we must part,
So bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on,
So, if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near,
And if you listen with your heart,
You'll hear all my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say, welcome home.







Big Daddy

Everyday I wonder why,
That you were taken high up to the sky,
And I didn't get a chance to say goodbye,
I'm sorry.

There are so many things I want to say,
That every night I sit and pray,
Hoping you can hear me say,
I miss you and I love you.

There's so much hurt I feel inside,
And in nobody I can confide,
But I know you are watching over us,
Up above where the angels lie.

You're in our hearts,
And there you'll stay,
And be remembered everyday,
Forever I will think of you.

Love Always,

Britney, Shairee and Kendall



DADDY

You never said "I'm leaving"
You never said "goodbye"
You were gone before I knew it,
And only God knew why

There are no words to tell you
Just what I feel inside
The shock, the hurt, the anger
Might gradually subside

A million times I'll need you
A million times I'll cry
If love alone could have saved you
You never would have died

In life I loved you dearly
In death I love you still
In my heart you hold a place
That no one could ever fill

It broke my heart to loose you
But you didn't go alone
For part of me went with you
The day God took you home

Things will never be the same
And although it hurts so bad
I will smile whenever I hear your name
And be proud you were my Dad

We love you daddy,

Letta and Tutor



Active Pallbearers

Ronnie Demer
Marcellus Demer
Johnny Creer

Curtis Jones
Edward (Bo Bo) Woodard
Jimmie Lee

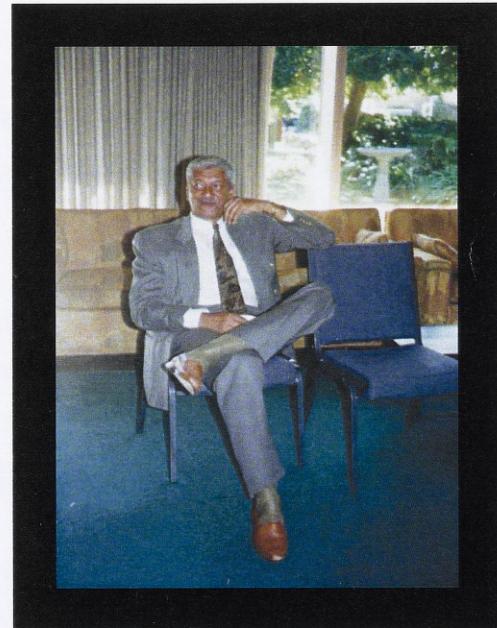
Honorary Pallbearers

Donald Demer II
Percy Jones
Kenneth Robinson
Grant Greer
Bruce Greer
Robert Creer
Willie George

Eric Creer
Earl Creer
Herschel Kirk
Carl Ray Harris
Coy Charles
Steven Smith
Tommy Champion

It's So Hard To Believe That You're Really Gone And
To Know That We Will No Longer See Your Smiling Face, Or Hear The
Sound Of Your Laughter.
You Left So Many Memories Which Will Never Part
You Will Always Live Deep Inside Our Hearts.
We Are Thankful That God Graced Us With Someone As Special As You
It's Just Hard To Believe Your Life On Earth Is Really Through.

~In Loving Memory of Donald R. Demer



Expressions of Appreciation

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just prayed for us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.

May God Bless You

~ The Family of Donald Ray Demer ~

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